

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for diagnosing a kidney disease in a human comprising the step of measuring catalytic iron in a urine sample from the human.
- 5 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein catalytic iron is measured in relation to a reference protein in the urine sample.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the reference protein is urinary creatinine.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the urine sample is obtained from a human
10 having a progressive kidney disease selected from the group consisting of diabetic nephropathy, primary glomerulonephritis and secondary glomerulonephritis.